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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5528

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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PBOR BF

SUBJ: GCOB REQUEST FOR TALKS ON SHELF DELIMITATION

REF: STATE 67313

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED NOTE FROM GCOB MINEXTAFF MAY 3 REQUESTING TALKS ON BILATERAL CONTINENTAL SHELF DELIMITATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 6 OF 1958 GENEVA CONVENTION. TEXT FOLLOWS, OMITTING COMPLEMENTARY OPENING AND CLOSE:

2. "THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS IS DESIROUS OF ESTABLISHING WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE RESPECTIVE PARTS OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OFF OUR RESPECTIVE COASTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 6 OF THE 1958 CONVENTION ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF.

"THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS THEREFORE WISHES TO PROPOSE THE COMMENCEMENT OF DISCUSSIONS ON THIS MATTER WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. SHOULD THE EMBASSY FIND THIS PROPOSAL

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ACCEPTABLE, THEN THE DATES AND VENUE COULD BE SUBSEQUENTLY

AGREED UPON."

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE. GCOB HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY BUSINESSMEN WISHING TO RECEIVE PROSPECTING LEASES FOR POSSIBLE SHELF PETROLEUM, AND PROPOSAL PROBABLY REFLECTS GCOB DESIRE TO DEAL WITH SUCH APPROACHES ON REALISTIC BASIS.

4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT PROPOSAL BE ACCEPTED AND THAT AN EARLY DATE FOR DISCUSSIONS IN NASSAU BE PROPOSED IN EMBASSY REPLY, ALTHOUGH SCHEDULING CONFLICTS WITH CARACAS LOS CONFERENCE MAY NECESSITATE POSTPONEMENT. IN VIEW OF DEPARTMENT GEOGRAPHER HODGSON'S FAMILIARITY WITH BAHAMIAN SCENE AND PERSONALITIES AS WELL AS SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES INVOLVED, EMBASSY SUGGESTS HE MIGHT BE LOGICAL CHOICE TO MAKE SHORT VISIT TO NASSAU WHEN DATE FOR DISCUSSIONS IS SET.

5. LOS MAPS PROMISED REFTEL HAVE NOT YET ARRIVED.  
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